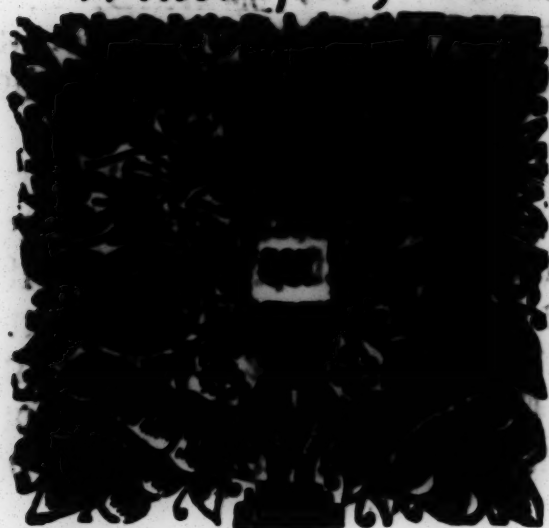




BY THE  
Lords Justices  
AND  
COUNCIL,  
A  
PROCLAMATION.

*Winchester, Galloway.*



**WHEREAS**, in, and by one Act passed the last Session of this present Parliament in this Kingdom, Entituled, An Act for Banishing all Papists Exercising any Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, and all Regulars of the Popish Clergy out of this Kingdom. It is amongst other things Enacted, That all Popish Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Vicars-General, Deans, Jesuites, Monks, Fryers, and all other Regular Popish Clergy, and all Papists Exercising any Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, shall depart out of this Kingdom before the First day of May, 1698. As by the said Act may appear.

Since the passing of which Law, We the Lords Justices and Council, have Received Information from several parts of this Kingdom, that to avoid and elude the same, the said Titular Arch-Bishops and Bishops, have of late been very busy in numerous Ordinations of several persons, and particularly of several of the Regular Popish Clergy, with intent to Nominate, or Appoint them to some Cure or Parish, or to part of a Cure or Parish in this Kingdom, that so under the pretence of the Secular Charge, they may the more easily pass Undiscovered: And the better to Effect their said Designs, do Change and Remove them to several parts of this Kingdom, on purpose that the said Regulars may under that Disguise, Continue and Remain in this Kingdom, contrary to the Intent and Design of the said Act.

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And We having great Reason to suspect, that such of the said Romish Clergy, as by the said Act are commanded to Depart this Realm, as aforesaid, will Change, or alter their Names, and places of their Abode, habitation, or Residence, by the use of other Devices, the better to Conceal themselves in this Kingdom, here after the time prescribed them by the said Act to Depart, as aforesaid, shall be elapsed.

We do by this Our Proclamation, hereby Charge and Command, all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, Justices, and all other Magistrates, and Ministers of Justice, within their Respective Limits, Authorities and Jurisdictions, to Enquire who was the Romish Secular Priest, of the Respective Parishes wherein they live, or the Neighbouring Parish, on the Twenty Seaventh Day of July last past, and his Name, and place of abode, and if he hath been removed, to what Place, Cure, or Parish he is so removed, and when, and who succeeds in the Cure or Parish from whence such former Secular Priest was so immediatly before removed or changed, and where such Person or Persons so succeeding inhabited, or resided in this Kingdom, on the said 27th of July, last past; And also where he or they respectively last inhabited or resided, next before his or their Coming into such new Parish or Cure, and whether such Person or Persons were reputed or esteemed to be of any Order of the Regular Romish Clergy on the said 27th of July, last, or any time since.

And We do hereby further strictly Charge and Command all Mayors, and other Officers aforesaid, to make Diligent Search and Inquiry within their several Limits and Jurisdictions, as aforesaid, what Strangers are come into the several Counties and Places within such their Limits and Jurisdictions, since the 25th Day of September last past, and from whence they last came, and where they resided or inhabited on the 27th of July aforesaid; and an Account of their true Christian Names, and Surnames, and to return an exact Account thereof, by the next time to Us, or one of the Secretaries belonging to the Privy Council, or to the Justices.

And where they shall find any Person or Persons, who by any such Contrivances, or Practices, or justly suspected to be such, have contrived, or Used such, or the like Means and Artifices, to disguise or Conceal themselves, or who cannot give a true Account of themselves as aforesaid, That they do forthwith Cause them to be Apprehended and Committed to the Goal of the County or Place where such Person or Persons shall be so Apprehended; there to remain until they shall be thence delivered by due course of Law.

And We likewise require all Mayors and Officers aforesaid, at their General Quarter-Sessions, to enquire after the said several Abuses, and to Proceed to Punish all and every Offenders therein, according to the several Laws and Statutes now in Force in this Kingdom, as they shall answer the contrary at their Perils.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Dublin, the Fifth Day of February, 1697.

Meath, C. S. Longford, C. S. Blesinton, C. S. Cha. Fielding, Ri. Pyne, Jn<sup>o</sup>. Hely, Rob. Doyne, Chris. Wandesford, H. Ingoldesby, Rob. King.

God Save the King.